

## *Lasqueti Mint Strikes Again!*



The Lasqueti Mint is pushing the numismatic envelope again with the introduction of their latest coin produced for Mammoth Tusk Gold Inc. of the Yukon. The Proof coin is a 1 oz .9999 gold coin with a diameter of 29.9 mm. The Obverse sports a sourdough gold panner with the



date "2008" and the legend "PURE KLONDIKE GOLD". The Reverse is an artistic rendering of a woolly mammoth by Mint engraver Ray Lipovsky, along with the legend "YUKON" and the required "1 oz .9999 FINE GOLD" and the coveted Lasqueti Mint mark.

The coins will be packaged in handmade wooden boxes with a mammoth tusk cabochon inlaid in the top produced by Wildwood Works of Lasqueti Island. They will also be accompanied by a certificate from the Lasqueti Mint.

All this is rather special yet there is much more. Mammoth Tusk Gold Inc. has established a chain of custody which guarantees that the gold in these magnificent coins comes from the environmental award-winning Ross Mine, a placer mine on Dominion Creek in the Klondike region of the Yukon. The environmental and social standards held by Mammoth Tusk Gold are documented by their chain of custody, as well as support from the Yukon government.

This entire project sets a new standard for gold production and supply in North America! No other mint in North America can guarantee their coins are made from "conflict free" Canadian gold. Only mines which abide by the strict environmental and social guidelines of Klondike placer mine regulations will be considered to be granted the "Mammoth Gold" label.

The maximum 250 Proof coin run is available at \$1,650.00 ea from: Mammoth Tusk Gold Inc., Attn: Brooke McLean, 30 Laberge Road, Whitehorse, YT, Canada Y1A 5Y9.

The official launch for the Mammoth/Klondike gold medal is set of November 27 at the Beringa Centre in Whitehorse, YT.

### THE LASQUETI MINT

One must have some understanding of the conditions and equipment at the Lasqueti Mint to truly appreciate the coins we turn out. I don't think one could choose a more disadvantageous situation than that found at the Mint for turning out truly beautiful works of art. Then again, perhaps these conditions are exactly what are needed. The Mint is located on an island that is "off the grid," having no road access or car ferry. The buildings the Mint is housed in are primitive by most standards. The tractor shed where our smelting, sheering and machine maintenance takes place has no south wall. Most of our actual minting equipment is situated in a wash house/summer kitchen that is heated by the wood stove in the sauna, that is a small room in the back of the building. What power there is, is supplied by solar panels, a windmill or a 6kw diesel generator. The machines used in the actual production of the coins have to be classified as antiques. Our drop hammer was made in the 19th century with non-standard threads on all the bolts! Our two fly presses were salvaged from shops that couldn't wait to get rid of them. And our arbor press was made in China and cost \$75.00. Our pantograph was state of the art fifty years ago and the big lathe we use was old in the 1920s. We do have some small "state of the art" hand tools:

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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS PRICES REALIZED

## LASQUETI MINT CONTACT INFORMATION:

This got cut by an unintentional edit from the end of the article: Webpage: [www.lqmint.com](http://www.lqmint.com)

Or write: Lasqueti Mint, One Duck Crossing Way, Lasqueti Island, BC, Canada V0R 2JO.

Our thanks this month go to Tolling Jennings of the Lasqueti Mint. We hope that you find his article as interesting as we did. Sounds like he is having too much fun! I am looking forward to the day that I can visit the Mint and learn a thing or two.

Bob King's book on Alaska postcards is a worthy addition to your Alaskana library. We hope that you will consider it.

The listing of the Alaska lots from our November auction is at the end of this issue. See page 66 for an interesting pair of "pattern" pieces that are lot 277 in the auction.

There were a bunch of Alaska gold tokens on eBay this past month, but I didn't have room to report on them in prices realized. I will include them in next month's issue.

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Selected prices realized from eBay:

<b>Anchorage</b> , Masonic Penny, B-28c	OB125.00NB
<b>Copper River Railroad</b> , Meal check, B-C5b	898.08
<b>Cordova</b> , Windsor Hotel Bar, 6¼¢, B-41b	OB150.00NB
<b>Douglas</b> , D Cigar Store, 5¢, B-9a	75.00OB
<b>Douglas</b> , Pioneer, F. Guion, 5¢, B-32a	360.00
<b>Dutch Harbor</b> , NOB Ships Service, 5¢, B-1a	50.50
<b>Excursion Inlet</b> , A&PSC Co., \$1 "S", B-1e	OB95.00NB
<b>Ft. Yukon</b> , FY Hotel, 25¢, B-4a	19.00
<b>Gambier Bay</b> , Hoonah Pkg., \$5, unlisted	762.00
<b>(Goodnews Bay)</b> , Rutlader, \$5, B-2d	OB75.00NB
<b>Juneau</b> , Heidelberg Bar, 6¼¢, B-28a	OB150.00NB
<b>Juneau</b> , Juneau Billiard, 12½¢, B-32a	150.00OB
<b>Juneau</b> , Masonic Penny, B-47a	125.00OB
<b>Juneau</b> , Diamond S, 6¼¢, B-64a	75.00OB
<b>Juneau</b> , Tony's Comet, 12½¢, B-69a	36.00
<b>Juneau</b> , Tony's Place, 12½¢, B-70a	60.00OB
<b>Ketchikan</b> , BPOE, 12½¢, B-5a	OB49.99
<b>Ketchikan</b> , Budweiser, 20¢, unlisted	249.00OB
<b>Ketchikan</b> , Hotel Connell, 5¢, B-11a	OB250.00NB
<b>Ketchikan</b> , Finzel's, 5¢, B-15aII	OB60.00NB
<b>Ketchikan</b> , The Lotus, 12½¢, B-31f	52.00
<b>Ketchikan</b> , The Mint, 12½¢, B-33a	OB50.00NB
<b>Ketchikan</b> , Sloten's, 5¢, B-58a	125.50
<b>Koyukuk</b> , Verneti, 50¢, B-3c	OB24.95NB
<b>Kukak Bay</b> , Hemrick, \$5, B-1f	400.00OB
<b>Kukak Bay</b> , Hemrick, \$10, B-1g	83.75
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	89.88
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 50¢, B-1e	54.00
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, \$10, B-1h	199.00OB
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, complete set	895.00OB
<b>Petersburg</b> , PC&N Pkg. Co., 10¢, B-8a	295.00OB
<b>Seldovia</b> , Johansen, 12½¢, B-3b	138.45
<b>Seldovia</b> , Johansen, 10¢, B-3unlised cardboard	665.00
<b>Seward</b> , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	49.99OB
<b>Talkeetna</b> , BN Pool Room, 12½¢, B-1aII	35.00OB
<b>Tanana</b> , Timothy's Place, 25¢, B-10a	OB175.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢ TC, B-4a	29.80
<b>Valdez</b> , "Buffet", 12½¢ I/T, B-4b	OB125.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , CB Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1,308.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , CB Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1,308.00NB
<b>Wrangell</b> , Ft. Wrangell Beer Hall, 5¢, B-3a	75.00OB
<b>Wrangell</b> , Lemieux, 10¢, B-7b	940.00
<b>Yes Bay</b> , APF, \$1, B-1d	307.00
<b>Dawson, YT</b> , Monte Carlo, 25¢	461.00
<b>Whitehorse, YT</b> , TDP, \$10	24.99OBx2
<b>Whitehorse, YT</b> , TDP, 25¢, 50¢, \$1 - each	19.95OBx2
<b>Whitehorse, YT</b> , TDP, \$10	OB39.95NB
<b>Whitehorse, YT</b> , TDP, \$10	RL39.95OB

Repeated listings, more than shown.

**Tierra del Fuego**, Est. 1 & 2, 20 Centavos 134.50

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist

RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn

BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

## LASQUETI MINT, CONT.

very accurate scales, a microscope and engraving machines. We went to great lengths to assemble these tools, much to the amusement of the locals. You don't know what fun is until you load a 2,500 pound fly press off a barge, into a 12 foot aluminum skiff and head out to sea. Considering the conditions we work under and the equipment we use, each of our coins could be considered a small miracle. I look upon the minor imperfections on our coins as marks of originality. There is an old Sufi saying that "One tries for perfection and settles for what one gets." Each of our coins is unique. The coins from the Lasqueti Mint are truly magical and seem to bring joy and happiness to those who are fortunate enough to possess them.

This past year has seen many upgrades at the Mint. We cut a hole in the floor and poured a slab of concrete for the drop hammer so the entire building no longer bounces when we strike a coin. With the addition of a CNC machine and a computer operated kiln we have been able to manufacture our own dies entirely in house. This is a very big deal! Have a party or at least get out your kazoo and blow a TA DA! With these innovations we are now able to do all the creation and execution of our art on the Island.

We are concerned about the pedigree of the metals we use. We hope, in the near future, to be able to guarantee that our coins are made only from Canadian precious metals for which the chain of custody is known, and that have been mined and refined with environmentally and socially kind processes.

We hope these coins bring you as much pleasure as we have had in making them.

Tolling Jennings



Cariboo Gold  
Mintage - 23



## HERITAGE LONG BEACH

Here are some auction results and comments from Heritage's September 27 auction in Long Beach:

There were several Too Wah gold pieces in the auction. A slabbed MS62 specimen went for \$1840 and another slabbed MS64 went for \$1380. I don't understand these prices since these are not legitimate territorial gold pieces but were commercially struck as souvenirs in 1910. The 1862 date and the denomination are nonsense. Next came gilt restrikes in slabs, MS62 at \$207 and a pair of MS64s for \$575. In the Pinch series prices ranged from \$632 to \$1437. In the DWT series \$431 and \$977. The rarer Parka tokens sold for \$2185 and \$2990.

A harshly cleaned Valdez Copper Block, 4B, sold for \$64. An uncirculated ARRC set in a custom plastic holder brought \$1495. Finally, the plate specimen of Kodiak B-10c, P.W. Shops, only brought \$103. This is appropriate since it now known that Arlie Slabaugh's attribution of this item to a Prisoner of War camp was erroneous — it is merely a tool check from the base Public Works shops and not a good for token.

Ron Benice

## SPINKS OCT. 8, 2007

Sale 7024 Lot 1093

A possibly unique "Ussuri Board" went unsold (again) in a recent Spinks auction. Estimated at £10,000 to £12,000, it did not meet the unstated reserve. We quote from the sale.



"Siberia, Ussuri boards, parchment or skin money for 50 kopecks, ND (c.1815), manuscript serial number 78, black text on circular format yellow card, the initials G.T.G. at centre with Russian text around DUE DATE to 1st JANUARY 1816, reverse blue, 50 at centre.

"Believed to be a forerunner of the Russian- American parchment or 'sealskin' notes and is believed to be unique and completely unknown to the State Hermitage Museum and in particular its scholars department head Dr. Spassky and Nina Ivochkina when it was brought to their attention during the 1970s. (see Denisov for extensive description and illustration of this interesting note, Page 49), very fine, believed to be the only example recorded in a private collection in the West, possibly unique and an important find.

"Provenance: Kreisberg auction, USA, 1987."

Lynn Knight June 2002 sale where it went unsold. (see ATC&PN, July, 2002, page 38.



## A FEW ITEMS FOR SALE



The Longines Symphonette Society issued a set of medals, one for each year of the United States. These are large, sterling silver medals that contain about 1 oz. of pure silver. The one at the top honors Peary and his discovery of the North Pole in 1909. The bottom is a pretty familiar scene depicting the purchase of Alaska. We only have one of each on hand at \$20 each.



Our trip to Homer included a stop at Hope. Hope is a little village on a side road, across Turnagain from Anchorage (not quite right across...) The Hope & Sunrise Historical Society has moved several buildings to their site, and volunteers have done and are doing a very nice job recreating earlier days. We showed you these in the Dec. 1993 issue of ATC&PN, but have never had any to sell. They were struck in bright and oxidized cupronickel. According to our article, 2,000 were struck, but we only saw a baggy with about 50. We were told that was all that was left. We only bought two of each, and they are \$15 each.

Finally, I can't believe we have never shown the Ookpik medal (in the right column). I checked the index, and it

## ALASKA BOOSTER PATTERNS



In 1986, a firm in Seattle issued \$5 and \$20 tokens similar to the Alaska Boosters \$1, claiming they were from dies that had been prepared in 1962 for further issues. I am a cynic. But, be that as it may, they sold sets of silver \$20 and bronze \$5 sets of 10. As a matter of fact, we have a set of the \$5 bronze in our auction that accompanies this issue (see lot #276).

What we had not seen or heard of before were the patterns above. The obverses are different from the bear or dog team used in the sets. They are struck in bright brass, with a \$20 reverse. We can only guess at how scarce these might be. We are pleased to offer these two "patterns" in our auction. Please see lot #277.

is not there. A neat story (read the medal), and a fun piece. The medal is struck in cupronickel. Only 2 on hand at \$10 each.

Please remember postage is \$5 per order!



# PAPER POTPOURRI



**ESTER:** Ester Gold Camp, good for one dinner, regular buffet. Good only for 2007 season. The regular buffet did not include the major draw - all you can eat dungeness crab! Rumor has it that the Ester Gold Camp will not open for the 2008 season. Conflicting rumors has it closing permanently, or for renovations. Black on yellow, 150mm by 67mm.

**PELICAN/ELFIN COVE:** Discount of 5 cents per gallon for up to 75 gallons. Blue on white card, 69mm by 108mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



# POSTCARDS FROM ALASKA

“Postcards from Alaska” by Bob King is an oversized paperback of 176 pages of flashes of color of Alaska’s past.

In his book, Mr. King gives a brief overview of postcards and collecting. He goes on to outline the history of Alaska postcards, from the “pioneer” cards of 1897, to progression of different cards. He also provides a means for dating Alaska postcards.

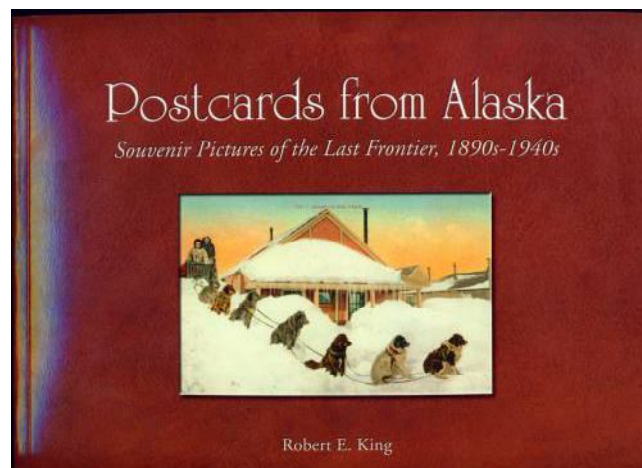
After these necessary introductions, Mr. King looks at Alaska postcards from each region of the state.

The book is capped by a two page index.

This is not a comprehensive listing. Such a listing would be massive, and really, never complete. It is an excellent overview of Alaska postcards from their earliest beginnings up to World War II and the construction of the Alaska Highway. It features over 400 cards in full

color (or black and white if such is the case). Alaska, Alaskan, and Alaskana collectors will recognize many of the images and enjoy viewing them once again.

Available from ARC for \$29.95 plus \$6 for media mail postage, insurance included.





# FOR THE RECORD



**(CORDOVA):** Copper River Railroad Co., meal check. This company began building a railroad up the Copper River in the summer of 1906. They were bought out by the Alaska Syndicate which continued work and changed the name of the company to the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad. eBay PR 898.08 (submitted Kaye Dethridge).



**KETCHIKAN:** The Budweiser, 20¢ in trade, aluminum, 25mm, unlisted. eBay PR 249.00OB.



**SELDOVIA:** Anton Johansen, 10C in trade. Black on pink cardboard, 38mm. Unlisted, eBay PR \$665.00.



**(FAIRBANKS):** The Pen Guy advertising token. White on pink plastic, 41mm. Available for \$3 (plus SASE, or combined with other items for \$5 postage).



**ALASKA:** FedAlaska Federal Credit Union, 1986, "Honoring the Great Iditarod Lead Dogs." Bronze, 38mm. Similar to an 1987 in the July 1999 issue. There is also one of a different design in the January 1999 issue.



**MAVERICK:** The Klondike, Good for 5¢ in trade at.. Brass, 21mm. eBay PR \$8.50. Neat Klondike maverick.



**(WHITEHORSE):** TJ's New Used & Collectables. No idea if that is a 5 or S on the red maple leaf, or what it might stand for. Black, light blue and red on antler. Dave Phillips reports that they started business in March 2004, and were in the process of closing this past August. Only about 20 were made in 2005.



# MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



**(EIELSON A.F.B.):** Top Wheels, 354 AMXS. Blue, gold and green enamel on oxidized silver colored metal.



**ELMENDORF A.F.B.:** 3rd Medical Group, Commander's Coin for Excellence. Silver colored metal, no enamel discernible. Similar to bronze coin featured in July, 2007 issue, page 48.



**ELMENDORF A.F.B.:** Top Cover for North America, Elmendorf Chief's Group. Red, yellow, blue, black and white enamel on bronze.



**Fts. RICHARDSON, GREELY & WAINWRIGHT:** 106th Military Intelligence Battalion, The Northern Watch. Bronze.



**FT. RICHARDSON:** Garrison Commander, Garrison Sergeant Major, Presented for Excellence. Red, white, blue, and yellow on bronze.



**FT. WAINWRIGHT:** Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, Pvt. Joseph P. Martinez, Military Operations in Urban Terrain. Red, white, blue and black enamel on bronze.



**FT. WAINWRIGHT, FT. RICHARDSON and DONNELLY TRAINING AREA:** Presented by Deputy Commander, United States Army Alaska. Red, white, blue and yellow on bronze, 44mm by 89mm.

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## ALASKA TOKENS & MEDALS

ESTIMATE

261	<b>Anchorage token:</b> Anchorage Dairy, good for 1 Pint, B-7a, AU/BU with luster. This catalogues for \$50, but it is not really worth that. A more reasonable estimate is	25.00
262	<b>Anchorage token:</b> Cheechako Tavern, 12½¢ in trade, B-11bI, XF with luster.	25.00
263	<b>Chichagof tokens:</b> Chichagof Club, 5¢ and 12½¢ in trade, B-1, a and b, VF and AU respectively. 2 pcs.	50.00
264	<b>Cordova token:</b> Oscar Breedman, 6¼¢ in trade, B-5a, XF with luster.	75.00
265	<b>Elmendorf AFB tokens:</b> Civilian Club, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and \$1, B-1, a,b,c, and f, all unc.	40.00
266	<b>Fairbanks tokens:</b> The Pastime, \$1 in trade, B-43a, AU; and Pastime Cigar Store, 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ in trade, B-44, a-c, all BU. A total of 4 tokens.	60.00
267	<b>Juneau tokens:</b> Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢ in trade, B-29a, XF; and Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, BU, B-30a. 2 pcs.	30.00
268	<b>Juneau tokens:</b> New York Exchange, 5¢, 6¼¢ and 10¢, B-53a, B-53bII and B-53cII, VF or better, the 6¼¢ has been pierced as most have been. Three tokens.	40.00
269	<b>Murphy Dome tokens:</b> Murphy Dome Gold, 25¢, XF, B-1a; Murphy Dome Open Mess, 10¢, B-2b; NCO Open Mess, 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ in trade, B-3, a, c and d, all XF or better. In the 70s, we used to drive up there in the dead of winter to play basketball against the station personnel. It was considered a remote site by the Air Force. The Airmen were happy for a basketball game, and the food was excellent! 5 tokens.	45.00
270	<b>Nenana token:</b> Alfred P.J. Ghezzi, 25¢ in trade, B-3aII, Fine or so. This is the small stars variety.	30.00
271	<b>Seward token:</b> The Northern, 12½¢ in trade, B-8bIII, XF/AU, but with an old scratch on the reverse. This is made from "native copper" and is a nice pictorial. A very popular token, with some sellers on eBay trying to get over \$100 for it.	50.00+
272	<b>Alaska ID Chits. C.R. &amp; N.W. RY.</b> (Copper River & Northwestern Railway), B-C5a, EF; <b>K.C.C. Kennecott,</b> (Kennecott Copper Company), B-C7a, AU/BU. Both related to the great copper mines at Kennicott, Alaska. Two scarce chits.	50.00+
273	<b>"Coal Dollar."</b> The origin of this piece is a bit of a mystery. We have hear a 1921 Morgan Dollar with a paper sticker that states "Coal Dollar," obviously to show the affect of the industry on the local economy. It is rumored to be from Sutton or Jonesville, but we cannot confirm this. The sticker is about 75% complete, the tops of the "CO" missing. We have offered these before, and they are always popular.	50.00+
274	<b>(Anchorage) Scrip.</b> Bi-Lo Bonus Bucks. Five pieces as follows: (1) One, (1) Five, (2) Ten and (1) Twenty. They state "Good only in Alaska," Bi-Lo Food Stores of Alaska. We don't know, but guess circa 1960. 5 pieces.	25.00
275	<b>Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition Medals.</b> The first has the usual AYPE design of three "industries" with a small cartouche portrait of Seward on the obverse, the seal of the city of Seattle on the reverse. It appears to be HK-353 or 354, but has had a loop removed. It is silver colored, but we are not sure that it is silver. Over all condition is VF, but there are numerous edge bumps. The second medal is brass, 28mm with a loop, with the three "industries" on the obverse, and intertwined AYP within a wreath on the reverse. This medal is an AU with luster. Also included are (2) 1937 Alaska-Yukon Pioneers Civic Exposition Season admittance tokens. One is a very nice BU, the other toned AU. These are less well known than the AYPE medals, and seem to be scarcer.	100.00+
276	<b>Alaska Booster Medals:</b> Alaska Booster bronze \$5 trade coins. These are dated 1962 but were made well after that date. They are similar to the 1962 Alaska Booster \$1 issued in brass with the moose, and this design is included in this set of 10 medals. Other designs include a dog team, walrus, bear, blanket toss, salmon, eagle, gold panner, ram and float plane. They come in the original plastic case, which is cracked. The foam in the case is deteriorating. An original 1962 Alaska Booster \$1 is also included. A total of 11 medals.	60.00+



# ALASKA MEDALS, CONT.

ESTIMATE

- 277 **Alaska Booster Medals:** In addition to the \$5 bronze set offered in the previous lot, this company also made \$20 trade coins in silver using the same designs. We have two additional medals, with the \$20 reverse, but struck in brass. These are odd in that they have designs that were apparently rejected. These are a different version of the dog team and bear from the set. While not unique, we can't help but think they are quite scarce. We have not seen these before! Two medals. 100.00+
- 278 **Anchorage Medals:** (3) 1967 trade dollars in red, white and blue plastic; (3) 1967 "Moose Gooser" medals with brass and cupronickel with the locomotive going right, and a cupronickel with the locomotive going to the left; 1973 Fur Rendezvous, brass. A total of 7 medals. 35.00
- 279 **Fairbanks Area Medals. Fairbanks:** 1959 trade dollar; 1962 North Star Enterprises trade dollar; 1965 Fairbanks Coin Club, bronze; 1965 and 1967 Eskimo Olympics, bronze; 1976 Pioneer Hotel trade dollar; **Ft. Wainwright/Eielson AFB:** 1967 Haircut token; **North Pole** 1963 and 1966 Santa Claus House trade dollars; **Nenana Valley** 1972 Souvenir Dollar. A total of 10 medals. 50.00
- 280 **Alaska Medals. (2) Matanuska Valley** 1963 trade dollar; **Sitka** 1963 trade dollar; **Skagway** trade dollars, one brass, the other coppery looking; (2) **Skagway** Brass Pic tokens, one brass the other aluminum; **Valdez** 1967 Eagles (FOE) bronze medal; and **Whittier** tokens from the Sportsman's Inn and Chenega Inn. A total of 10 pieces. 50.00
- 281 **Alaska Medals. Homer** 1967 Centennial, brass; **Hope** 1967 Purchase Centennial, cupronickel; **Juneau** 1967 trade dollars in blue, green and yellow plastic and Capital Transit one fare token; **Tustumena Lake Area** 1967 Purchase Centennial bronze; **Kivalina** Reindeer and Trading Co., 5¢ token; **Kodiak** 1967 Purchase Centennial brass and 1969 First National Bank of Anchorage Kodiak Branch Grand Opening, bronze; **Seward** All American City in aluminum and brass; and **Alaska Aviation Committee** 1967 Purchase Centennial, bronze. A total of 13 pieces. 65.00
- 282 **Alaska Trade Dollars and others! Anchorage:** (3) plastic Trade Dollars, 1967; Anchorage Exposition Trade Dollar, referred to as the "illegal dollar" as we have heard the Treasury Dept. confiscated these. **Fairbanks:** North Star Enterprises \$2, 1963; Alaskaland Exposition 50¢; **Haines:** Trade Dollars, 1979 and 1981. **Ketchikan:** \$2 Trade coin 1971. **Matanuska Valley:** (2) Trade Dollars, 1963/65. **North Pole:** Santa Claus House Trade Dollars, 1963, 1964, 1967; North Pole Lions Cold Buck, 1965 and 1966. **Palmer** Trade Dollars, 1979, 1980 and 1981. **Sitka:** Trade Dollar, 1963. And **Skagway:** Trade Dollar 1974. A very nice start on a collection of Alaska Trade Dollars! 21 pieces. 140.00
- 283 **Alaska Medal. Purchase of the Alaska Railroad,** 1985. Cleaning off my desk, I found a lower serial number - #0150. Most left in stock are nearing the 2000 limit. Obviously not rare, but 0150 looks better than 1950! 25.00
- 284 **Alaska Railroad Medal,** 1994. Housed in the original case. One of 1,500 struck, this appears to depict one of the older passenger cars. This series started in 1990 and these early years are getting difficult to find. The Alaska Mint currently lists this medal at \$125. 100.00+
- 285 **Alaska Railroad Medal,** 2001, proof with gold relief. This is one of the nicer medals struck in this series with one of the old diesel engines depicted. 1,500 were issued. 70.00
- 286 **UAF Silver Medals.** In 1986, the UAF Museum under the direction of Basil Hedrick commissioned two medals to be struck. The first was the Woolly Mammoth of which approximately 1,400 were minted. The second medal featured the Riverboat Nenana (750 minted) which is now restored and resting at Pioneer Park. Both medals were designed by Fairbanks artist Jim Behlke. Also included in this lot is a copy of Hedrick's book "Steamboats on the Chena." These medals were sold at the Museum for a number of years, but not anymore. Each is one troy ounce of silver. 2 medals and 1 book. 50.00+
- 287 **Alaska Medal, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alaska Highway,** 1992, struck by the Anchorage Mint. They used to carry this in their catalogue at \$150!!! 50.00+
- 288 **State of Alaska Silver Fractional Medals,** 1990. Included are (2) ¼ oz. and (2) 1/10 ounce medals with mintages of 1,100 and 1,300 respectively. It is hard to find these early fractionals. A rather stylized walrus was the obverse design. Four medals. 70.00
- 289 **Official Alaska State Medal,** 1992, one ounce silver, Proof. This was the first year that the Anchorage Mint, later to become the Alaska Mint, had the contract to mint these. Depicting an eagle, the mintage was only 3457, the lowest of any of the official state one ounce proof medals struck by the Anchorage/Alaska Mint. The Alaska Mint carries this in their price list at \$450. In case with card insert as issued. 200.00+
- 290 **State of Alaska 1 oz. Silver Proof Medal,** 1993. 6,114 were struck with serial numbers on the medal's edge. The wolf was on the obverse. The Alaska Mint currently lists these at \$200. 100.00+
- 291 **State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Proof Medal,** 1999. A popular year with the Dall sheep depicted on the obverse. One of 239 struck. A few toning spots noted on the obverse. Includes all original packaging. 150.00-200.00
- 292 **Yellowknife, NWT, Canada.** Trade dollars from 1974 to 1984, featuring Carnie the Caribou issued from the annual Caribou Carnival. Each trade dollar has Carnie in various poses, including snowshoeing, doing the can-can, broomball, mushing, a miner, a pilot, and playing hockey. The reverse commemorates the Canadian Championship Dog Derby. A total of 11 pieces. 62.00